

## NO ADEQUATE PREPARATION

For Winter Made by the Railroads of the Country

## CAUSE OF GREAT TRAFFIC CONGESTION

Charge Made by Warren S. Stone Before the Railway Wage Commission

Washington, Feb. 14.—Lack of preparation by the railroads to meet the winter weather was the cause of the great traffic congestion, Warren S. Stone, the grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, yesterday told the railway wage commission in asking for a minimum wage of \$5 a day and penalty time and a half for over time.

"The railroads went into the winter with no provision for taking care of their motive power," he said.

Long hours by railroad men, Mr. Stone denounced as a menace to public safety. He said a majority of yards were working on an eight hour shift until the movement was begun for increased wages when the work was lengthened to enable the railroads to show larger amounts paid to employees.

Employment of women in the place of men also was condemned by Mr. Stone. During the Mexican trouble, Mr. Stone said, the war department had asked the brotherhood for men who spoke Spanish and were competent to move troop trains. He said he furnished them the names of more than 300. These facts were given the commission to show the patriotism of the engineers and the part they played in a national emergency.

Never before this winter, in the opinion of Mr. Stone, had the roads approached the bad weather season with so little preparation and with the motive power in such "rotten condition."

"It looked as if the railroads were trying to run down the condition of the roads so as to run up overtime and discredit the eight-hour law," he said.

"As early as October I suggested to President Wilson that unless he took a hand in the coal situation just such

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trouble would happen as has happened in the last two months."

Prediction that the "worst horror" of the railroads was yet to come if long hours were not eliminated was made by Mr. Stone. Men working 20, 25 and even 30 hours at a stretch, he said, were physically exhausted and not responsible for any wreck that might happen.

"Back of it all," he said, "is some ambitious official who wants to make a record by hauling a few more tons. The only remedy is penalty time and a half for over time work."

Mr. Stone denied reports that there was a shortage of engineers which necessitate working the men excessive hours.

## BILL TO RAISE WHEAT PRICE TO \$2.75 A BUSHEL

North Dakota Senator McCumber Says Price of Labor Makes It Necessary

Washington, Feb. 14.—A bill to fix the price of wheat for the 1918 crop at not less than \$2.75 a bushel, instead of \$2, as now provided, was introduced yesterday by Senator McCumber, Republican of North Dakota, and referred to the agriculture committee. The senator said the price of materials and labor had become so high that something must be done to increase the profits of the farmers and induce them to increase production.

Senator Gore, Democrat, of Oklahoma, introduced an amendment increasing the government guaranteed price to \$2.50 a bushel.

## ENGLAND'S WHEAT STOCK IS GROWING DESPITE U-BOATS

Total in December, 1917, Exceeded 1916 Amount By One Million Quarters—Hoover Offers Vast Meat Supplies

London, Feb. 14.—The total stocks of wheat in Great Britain at the end of December last exceeded those at the end of December, 1916, by a million quarters, Andrew Bonar Law, the chancellor of the exchequer, told the House of Commons yesterday.

A quarter of wheat in British terminology means 564 pounds, the excess thus figuring out 564,000,000 pounds or 8,400,000 bushels at 60 pounds to the bushel. That the supply of meat and bacon is assured is shown by the fact that at the time when things looked darkest for England a month ago Mr. Hoover cabled the food controller that 25,000,000 pounds of meat and 150,000,000 pounds of bacon were available in this country and that these could be had as soon as ships were ready to transfer them.

## ASKS KAISER HEED U. S. TERMS

Pope Believes Responsibility Now Up to German Militarism

## CONFIDENT AN EARLY REPLY FORTHCOMING

Vatican Pressing the Central Powers to Consider Wilson's Speech

Rome, Feb. 14.—The pope is reported to be pressing the central powers, especially the Austrian and Bavarian rulers, for an "honest and unselfish consideration of President Wilson's speech."

Pope Benedict welcomes President Wilson's latest address to the enemy and the world as "nourishing the peace seed, which is already sprouting," it was learned in Vatican circles yesterday.

## COAL FOR B. & M.

But American Woolen Company Deprived of Fuel

Boston, Feb. 14.—Three thousand tons of coal, part of a cargo which arrived by water consigned to the American Woolen company, was turned over to the Boston & Maine railroad yesterday. This step was decided upon at the office of Fuel Administrator James J. Storrow, who, in announcing it, said he would relieve an increasingly acute situation.

Reports reaching him yesterday, Mr. Storrow said, showed a considerable improvement both as to water and rail shipments. The railroads moved 847 cars of coal into New England from their western gateways during the 24 hours ending at midnight Tuesday.

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## BRITISH PATROL SHIPS CAPTURE TWO U-BOATS

Crew of British Vessel Report Two German Submariner Taken Off the Canary Islands

An Atlantic Port, Feb. 14.—An American steamship, arriving here yesterday, reported having sunk a German submarine in the Mediterranean on Jan. 18 last, after a running fight. The steamer was not hit.

On the outward voyage the same craft was attacked in the Mediterranean by two submarines. One was sighted off the bow and when the captain attempted to ram it the boat submerged and made off. At the same time the gun crew fought off another submarine from the stern.

The crew of the vessel reported that British patrol boats captured two submarines off the Canary Islands on Jan. 7.

## SHEEP POISONED IN STOCKYARD CORRAL

Federal Officials Making Investigation at San Francisco—Poison Placed in Water

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Federal officials and San Francisco health authorities have united in investigating the mysterious death of 325 sheep and lambs in a stockyard corral here in which approximately 7,000 head of stock were quartered. All indications, according to those making the investigations, tended to show that the animals were killed by poison placed in the watering troughs. Animals in other pens were not affected.

## RAID HEADQUARTERS OF CLAN-NA-GAEL

Twenty-Eight Persons Arrested, Maps and Drawings Seized—No Arms Found

Dublin, Feb. 14.—The headquarters of the Clan-Na-Gael were raided Tuesday night. Twenty-eight persons were detained. No arms were found, but maps and drawings were seized. The premises have been closed for more than a year by military order.

## GREAT BRITAIN DEPENDS ON US

Must Have Food from the United States and Canada

## UNLESS CAN GET IT, WILL PETER OUT

American People Willingly Harnessed to Great Movement of Self-Sacrifice

London, Feb. 14.—Sir William Goode, who since the entry of the United States into the war has occupied the important post of liaison officer between the British food ministry and the United States food administration, discussed the food situation in an address yesterday to the London Rotary club.

"Few people," he said, "have yet grasped the fundamental fact that Great Britain still relies on the United States and Canada for 65 per cent. of her essential foodstuffs. Unless we can get this food, or nearly all of it, we shall peter out."

"What I want you to realize is the amazing way in which the energies and sentiments of the American people have been harnessed to a great national movement of organized self-sacrifice, so that the allies can have food enough to carry on."

"Early last month we received from Mr. Hoover a cablegram saying he found that as a result of the American conservation campaign he had 150,000,000 pounds of bacon and 25,000,000 pounds of frozen meat more than the British representatives in the United States had estimated as likely to be available."

"His offer was so unexpected that we had to hustle to get the finance and shipping for this windfall. Later on it turned out that the amount of frozen meat available was thousands of tons above the Hoover estimate. Except for the hold-up of shipping in American ports,

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## 501 PORTABLE HOUSES.

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Paris, Feb. 14.—Portable houses erected in France by the English and American Friends, working in conjunction with the American Red Cross, now number 501. These shelter 1,750 persons.

Some of the American Friends are thrashing in the country barns about Serravallo. Several men are at work erecting tractors and plows recently arrived from America. Goats for the peasants of the invaded regions are being imported from the Pyrenees mountains.

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